

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : Case No. 3:22-CR-127  
Plaintiff, : District Judge Michael J. Newman  
vs. : Magistrate Judge Peter B. Silvain, Jr.  
AARON NATHANIEL PETERSON, :  
Defendant. :  
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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION<sup>1</sup>**

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This case came before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion to Change Plea (Doc. #30) and the subsequent plea hearing, which was held on May 30, 2024. Assistant United States Attorney Brent Tabacchi appeared and represented the Government. Defendant was present at the hearing and was represented by Attorney Cheryll Bennett.

Prior to the hearing, the parties entered into a proposed plea agreement pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(A), which agreement has been filed of record. (Doc. #39). Under the terms of the plea agreement, Defendant agreed to plead guilty to Count 1 as charged in the Superseding Information currently pending against him, which charges him with possession of a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. § 844(a).

During the plea hearing, the undersigned had the opportunity to address Defendant in open court and to inform Defendant of all rights and privileges as set forth in Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(1). Further, the undersigned carefully inquired of Defendant regarding his understanding of the agreement, as well as his competence to understand the agreement. Having fully inquired, the

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<sup>1</sup> Attached is a NOTICE to the parties regarding objections to this Report and Recommendation.

undersigned Judicial Officer finds that Defendant's tendered plea of guilty to Count 1 as charged in the Superseding Information was knowing, intelligent, and voluntary. Additionally, based upon the statement of facts, which were read into the record and affirmed by Defendant, the undersigned finds that there is a sufficient factual basis for finding that Defendant is in fact guilty of possession of a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. § 844(a).

Based upon the foregoing, it is **RECOMMENDED** that the District Court **GRANT** the parties' Joint Motion to Change Plea (Doc. #30) and **ACCEPT** Defendant's plea of guilty to Count 1 as charged in the Superseding Information currently pending against him and find him guilty as charged of possession of a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. § 844(a).

Pending the Court's acceptance of Defendant's guilty plea, Defendant has been referred to the Probation Department for a pre-sentence investigation and report.

May 31, 2024

*s/Peter B. Silvain, Jr.*

Peter B. Silvain, Jr.  
United States Magistrate Judge

## NOTICE REGARDING OBJECTIONS

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 59(b)(2), any party may serve and file specific, written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations within **FOURTEEN** days after being served with this Report and Recommendation. Such objections shall specify the portions of the Report objected to and shall be accompanied by a memorandum of law in support of the objections. If the Report and Recommendation is based in whole or in part upon matters occurring of record at an oral hearing, the objecting party shall promptly arrange for the transcription of the record, or such portions of it as all parties may agree upon or the Magistrate Judge deems sufficient, unless the assigned District Judge otherwise directs. A party may respond to another party's objections within **FOURTEEN** days after being served with a copy thereof.

Failure to make objections in accordance with this procedure may forfeit rights on appeal.

*See Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); United States v. Walters, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981).*